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To: All Field Offices

From: State Director, CA-910

Subject: The California BLM CASHE Program

The Compliance Assessment Safety, Health, and the Environment (CASHE) Program began in California in November of 1993, with a pilot program assessment of the California Desert District. Since that time, all field offices have had an initial assessment and many offices have had follow up assessments. The follow up assessments indicate the need to accelerate the pace for correcting the identified discrepancies in order to meet national BLM goals. In an effort to assist in this endeavor, a team consisting of the SO Hazard Management and Resource Restoration Lead, the State Safety Officer, and a SO Engineer will visit with each field office manager and appropriate staff starting in October of this year. The purpose of the visit is to discuss the CASHE Program and to implement the Action Goals presented in this document to bring all of the BLM facilities in California into compliance with applicable Federal and state safety and hazardous materials regulations.

The Action Goals are as follows:

1. Prioritize all uncorrected CASHE findings. The emphasis should be to correct the most serious findings first.
2. Establish an estimated cost for correcting each of the findings. Some cost data is presented in the individual FO CASHE finding reports. Additional cost data can be obtained from the State Office or WO-360 (Ken Morin).
3. Develop a time schedule to correct all uncorrected findings by the end of FY 2005.
4. Actively seek funding through the appropriations process or elsewhere to meet the 2005 deadline.

I cannot overemphasize the need to bring our work areas and public facilities into a safe and environmentally compliant condition. The California CASHE Team will be contacting you in the near future to establish an agreeable meeting date to discuss your CASHE findings and any problems you may have in meeting the FY 2005 deadline. Please have your Action Goals completed before the Team meets with you and your staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Forester (916) 978-4673 or Jim Anger (916) 978-4521.

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